



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 491

By Representative Eldridge

and

Senator Finney

A RESOLUTION to commend the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for honoring our Revolutionary War patriots through "Our Field of Flags."

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable organizations that strive to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our Nation's children; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) comprise one such outstanding organization and are descended from the patriots who won American Independence during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890, now with more than 165,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Madison Chapter NSDAR is named for two famous American Presidents, Tennessee's own Andrew Jackson and President James Madison, author of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, this laudable group annually hosts the "Our Field of Flags" tribute, in which 100 flags are installed before Flag Day and maintained through Independence Day to honor our Revolutionary War patriots who sacrificed their lives and fortunes to secure our freedoms and independence; and

WHEREAS, the United States was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure the individual and collective freedom of their fellow Americans, and Madison County is especially proud to have been the home of so many valiant Revolutionary War heroes, including John Arnold, William Betts, Jonas Clark, Sr., Benjamin Clearwater, John Dillard, Joel Dyer, Richard Fenner, Rev. Green Hill, Chapness Madding, Bradley Medlin, James Nolin, Nicholas Perry, and Moses Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, proclaiming that the thirteen colonies were independent from British rule; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act, which selected an official flag for the new nation; and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day by proclamation on May 30, 1916, and, on August 3, 1949, President Harry Truman signed legislation designating June 14th as National Flag Day; and

WHEREAS, the American flag has been a symbol of our nation's strength and unity for over 200 years and served as a source of pride and inspiration for millions of patriotic citizens; and

WHEREAS, Old Glory consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with six white; each brilliant strip represents the original thirteen colonies, and the shining stars symbolize the fifty states of the Union; and

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WHEREAS, each color in the American flag represents a different time-honored and cherished American value; the color red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white symbolizes purity and innocence; and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the past and present members of the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their dedication to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and supporting better education for our Nation's children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the members, both past and present, of the Jackson Madison Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their outstanding service to the men, women, and children of this State and Nation, thank them for honoring our Revolutionary War heroes through "Our Field of Flags," applaud them for their ongoing legacy of commitment to patriotic and educational endeavors, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

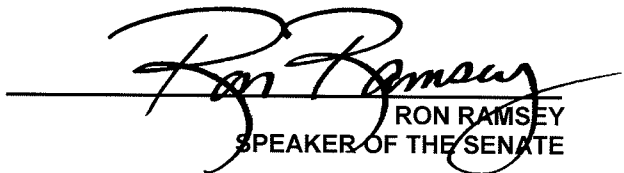
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2011

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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A cursive signature of Ron Ramsey, written in dark ink, positioned above a horizontal line.

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of May 2011

A cursive signature of Bill Haslam, written in dark ink, positioned above a horizontal line.
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR